



Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Timeline

February 12, 2013

USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) application information packet for School Year (SY) 2013-2014 e-mailed to NC Child Nutrition Administrators. FF&VP application season for SY 2013-2014 is officially open. For assistance with the FF&VP application, please contact Zoe McKay-Tucker at zoe.mckaytucker@dpi.nc.gov or 919-807-3517.

Week of February 18-22 – "How to Complete the New FF&VP Electronic Application" Webinars

Several webinars have been scheduled for instruction on the new Electronic Application process. The webinar registration information will be emailed to Child Nutrition Administrators on **Wednesday, February 13.**

NOTE: Participation in a webinar is not a requirement, however it is highly recommended. The webinars have been scheduled as follows:

February 19, 2013 9-10 a.m.

February 21, 2013 9-10 a.m.

February 21, 2013 2-3 p.m.

February 22, 2013 9-10 a.m.

March 22, 2013, 11:59 p.m.

Deadline for submitting USDA FF&VP application for SY 2013-2014 in CN Technology System. FF&VP application is electronic effective SY 2013-2014.

March 28, 2013, 5:00 p.m.

Deadline for submitting "Signature Page" with required, original signatures to the NCDPI Child Nutrition Services Section office in Raleigh. This is a requirement and the *only* part of the FF&VP application that is to be sent to the NCDPI.

April 2013

NCDPI receives notification of NC's FF&VP funding for SY 2013-2014. FF&VP Applications reviewed and categorized in descending order from highest to lowest Free/Reduced (F/R) percentage. As referenced in the USDA FF&VP Handbook, in accordance with Federal policy, schools with the highest F/R percentage will be selected.

May 2013

NCDPI CN Services Section prepares FF&VP application information for SY 2013-2014 for the North Carolina State Board of Education (NC SBE) June 2013 meeting.

June 5-6, 2013

NC SBE to review and approve list of NC elementary schools selected for FF&VP for SY 2013-2014. Applying elementary schools will be notified in writing by the NCDPI if selected, or not, to participate in FF&VP for SY 2013-2014.

REQUIRED FF&VP EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS

Child Nutrition Administrators are required to participate in Part 1 and Part 2 of the required FF&VP educational webinars before FF&VP funds will be released to School Food Authority. Webinar registration information will be included in written notification to Child Nutrition Administrators of the selected schools. The required webinars are scheduled as follows:

June 25, 2013 (9-10:30 a.m.) Part 1 - *FF&VP Requirements*

June 26, 2013 (9-10:30 a.m.) Part 2 - *Financial Guidance*